

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated June 19, 2008. In this response, Applicant has canceled claims 1-13 and 15-16 without prejudice or disclaimer in order to permit allowed claims 17-25 to issue without further delay. Following entry of this amendment, claims 17-25 remain pending in the application.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

On page 2 of the Office Action, the PTO has rejected claims 1-13 and 15-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,874,051 to Heil *et al.* In this response, Applicant has cancelled claims 1-13 and 15-16, rendering this rejection moot. Applicants do not acquiesce in the PTO's rejection of these claims but has canceled them at this time solely in order to permit allowed claims to issue without further delay. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection under § 103(a) inasmuch as the claim amendments above render it moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the PTO's indication, on page 4 of the Office Action, that claims 17-25 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing or a credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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